CHAPTER NO. 84

HOUSE BILL NO. 448

By Representative Bowers

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1722

By Senator Kurita

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, relative to termination of parental rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(b), is amended by adding the language and punctuation ", including extended family members caring for related children," after the language, "prospective adoptive parent(s) of the child" and before the language, "any licensed child-placing agency".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(b), is further amended by adding the language and punctuation ", including extended family members caring for related children," after the language "prospective adoptive parents," and before the language "shall have standing".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 21, 2003

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2003

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR